THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, ir. A study to identify the IAF's most bird hit prone airfields has been done.

(b) Based on the study, depending upon the hazard level, IAF airfields have been placed in three categories for remedial action. The yearly average loss suffered by IAF due to bird strikes in terms of replacement costs is approximately Rs. 50 crores.

(c) Measures have been taken in consultation with Ministries of Urban Development, Agriculture and the concerned State Governments for sanitation of areas around the IAF airfields.

**Non-utilisation of ordnance facilities**

350 SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Ordnance facilities lie unused" as reported in Statesman dated 24th October, 1994;

(b) if so, whether the additional ordnance facilities in various factories are lying unused;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Indigenous production of 155 mm ammunition has already been started.

**Compensionate appointments for words of employees dying in harness**

351. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applicants, for compassionate appointments of the wards of the employees who died in harness during 1971 but still pending with the Ministry of Defence;

(b) whether it is a fact that in some cases the Government have been delaying the process due to one reason or the other inspite of the applicant persuing the matter continuously;

(c) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to consider the appointment in the lower formations of the Ministry to mitigate the hardships being faced by the affected families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) None, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**PARAM—9000**

352. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINITER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India exhibited its first "PARAM-9000" an open system super computer at "Super Computer 94" air held at Washington recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this computer is priced half of the similar type of computer developed by some of the Western countries; and

(c) if so, the respnse of the computer market to this new develop-

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Centre for Develpment of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), an autonomous registered Society under the Department of Electronics exhibited its second generation Parallel Supercomputer PARAM 9000 in the Supercomputing 94 exhibition held at Washington from November 14—18, 1994.

(b) The prices of Supercomputers largely depend upon the configuration to meet the requirement of the users Also vendors of Supercomputers decide the end user price on a case to case basis. Initial pricing information offered by vendors like IBM, CRAY to some end users as well as broad prices published by international news agency in High Performance Computing wire (HPC wire) indicate that the price of PARAM 9000 is 20 per cent to 50 per cent lower than the prices of equivalent machines from CRAY and IBM.

(c) During Supercomputing '94 exhibition, PARAM 9000 has received enthusiastic response. However, to cater to international market, specifically to US, it is essential to have strategic alliances with US companies to market and support PARAM machines.

**Status Report of Electronic Industry**

353. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a Status Report on Electronic Industry in India;

(b) if so, the sailent features thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFARS, DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Electronics has brought out a 'Guide to Electronic Industry in India as a basic reference source for all information on the Indian Electronics Industry It covers a wide range of information such as:

1. Manufacturers Directory

2. Product Directory

3. Export Product Directory

4. Timeseries Data on Production & Exports.

5. Electronics Units in States etc.

The first edition of the Guide was brought out in 1992 and second edition in 1993.

(c) No further action is propposed to be taken in the matter.

**Officials in Kashmir**

354. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news item published in the Dainik Jagran (Hindi) dated the 18th November 1994 under the Caption "Kashmir ke Rashtra Drohi Afsaron ko Samman dene ki kuchestha";

(b) if so, the number of such cases during the last three years; and